

Preparing for a visit to the Dallas Zoo

Illuminature
Success Story

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I am going to Illuminature at the Zoo. This will be a fun and special nighttime event. I can get ready ahead of time.



Most of the live animals will be resting.

Instead, there will be many exciting lanterns and displays to enjoy.



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It may be dark because the event happens in the evening. The glowing lanterns will help me see. The dark is part of the experience.



When I arrive, I will see large giraffe lanterns. They look real, but they are not real animals.



As I walk through the Zoo, I will see many glowing animal lanterns. They are not real and cannot hurt me. I can look with my eyes and keep my hands to myself.

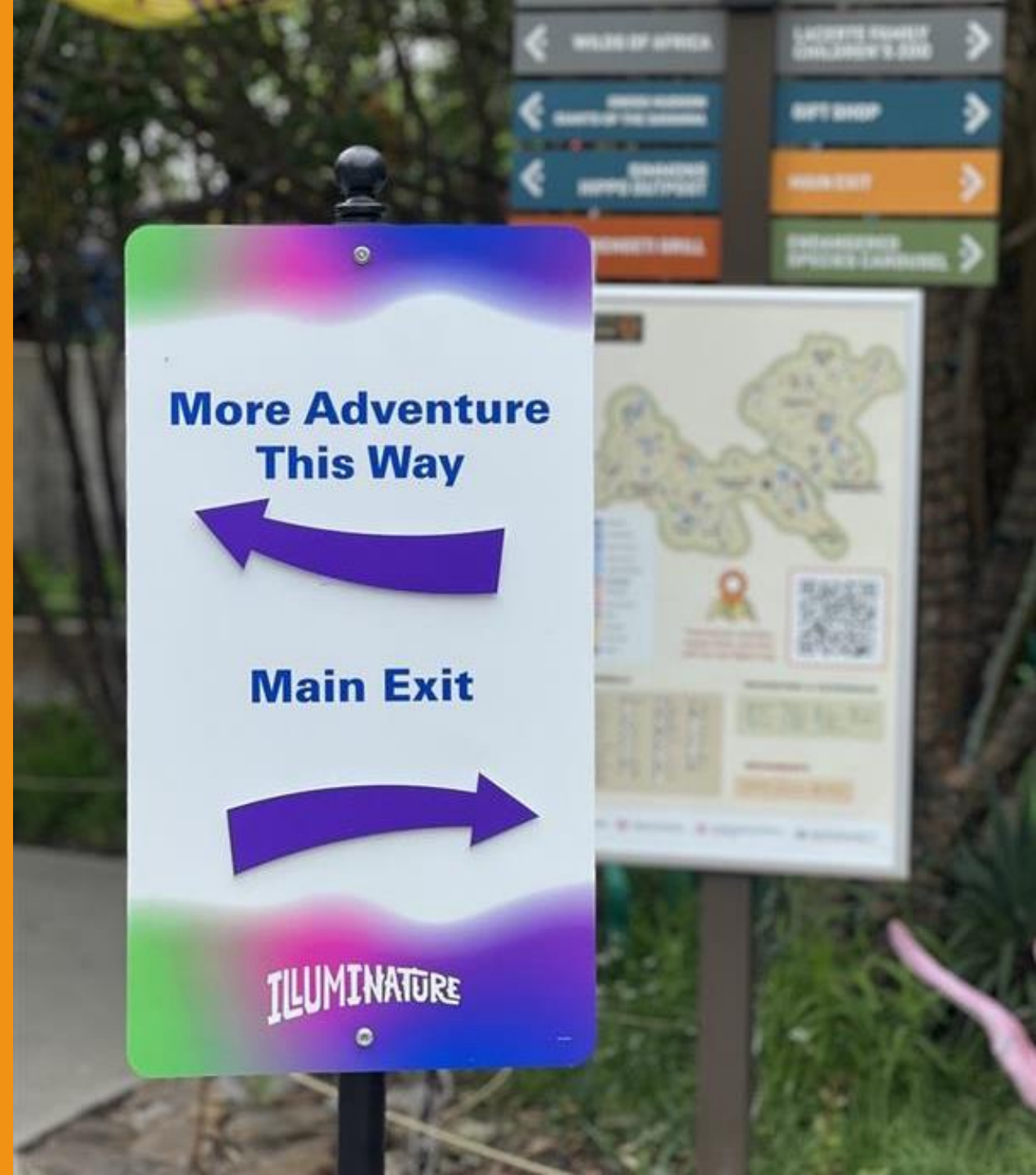


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I will keep my feet on the paths to stay safe.



There are many things to see. I can look at a map and signs to help me find my way.



If I am not sure where to go,
I can ask a Zoo helper with
a name tag. They are there
to help me.



There are places to play. If others are there, I might need to wait my turn. Waiting can be hard, but my turn will come.



There may be loud noises. If I feel uncomfortable, I can cover my ears. My parent can also ask to borrow a KultureCity™ backpack with headphones from the Information Booth.



If I need a sensory break, I can stop at the Comfort Station at Guest Services to rest where it is quiet.



I may walk through a tunnel.
The tunnel is long and dark. I
can wear my headphones if I
do not like the noise. I can hold
someone's hand if I need to.



I may feel hungry or thirsty. I can bring food and water. We may also buy snacks and drinks at the Zoo.



When it is time to leave, I can follow the exit signs to find the way out.



I am prepared. I can have a fun and safe visit at Illuminature.



I can always come back to the Zoo on another day.

